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MARK TWAIN ON RELICS

A sample of the method employed by the holy Romish brigade to palm off relics on their unsuspecting dupes is given by Mark Twain in his memorable book of travels. Speaking of Jerusalem, he says:

"We were shown the place where our Lord appeared to His mother after the Resurrection. Here, also, a marble slab marks the place where St. Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, found the cross about three hundred years after the crucifixion. According to the legend, this great discovery elicited extravagant demonstrations of joy. But they were of short duration. The question intruded itself: Which of the three blessed Saviors, and which the thieves? To be in doubt is no mighty matter as this—to be uncertain which one to adore—was a grievous misfortune. It turned the public joy to sorrow. But when lived there a holy priest who could not set so simple a trouble as this at rest? One of these soon hit upon a plan that would be a certain test. A noble lady lay very ill in Jerusalem. The wise priest ordered that the three crosses be taken to her bedside one at a time. It was done. When her eyes fell upon the first one, she uttered a scream that was heard beyond the Damascus Gate, and even upon the Mount of Olives, it was said, and then fell back in a deadly swoon. They recovered her and brought the second cross. Instantly she went into fearful convulsions, and it was with the greatest difficulty that six strong men could hold her. They were afraid, now, to bring in the third cross. They began to fear that possibly they had fallen upon the wrong cross, and that the true cross was not with this number at all. However, as the woman seemed likely to die with the convulsions that were tearing her, they concluded that the third could do no more than put her out of her misery and with a happy dispatch! So they brought it, and behold, a miracle! The woman sprang from her bed, smiling, and joyful, and perfectly restored to health."

With a sense of the absurdity of this marvellous fraud, Twain adds: "When we listen to evidence like this, we can not but believe. We would be ashamed to doubt, and properly, too. Even the very part of Jerusalem where this all occurred is there yet. So there is really no room for doubt."

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?

SUIT SEEMS TO REMOVE CHARGES FOR BAPTISM AND CONFESSION

From the Philadelphia Record, Dec. 1.

Pottsville, Pa., Nov. 30.—Before Judge Brumm at Court here today Judge Shay began one of the most important church suits heard in Schuylkill county for years. The case is brought on behalf of a number of members of St. Joseph's Church, Mahanoy City, to compel Catholic church dignitaries to give members of the church the rites of free baptism and free confession, without regard to the payment of the \$2 annual subscription assessed on members.

The defendants are Archbishops Prendergast, Philadelphia; Monsignor Masson, of Allentown, and Rev. William Duggan, of Mahanoy City.

Court granted a rule on the defendants to answer the contention that baptism and confession, under the rules and practices of the church universal, are free to all.

The outcome of this action, regarded as a test case, is awaited with interest all through the region.

ON THE POPE'S COFFIN

According to the Catholic Standard and Times, the following inscription was placed on one side of the catafalque (coffin) of Pius X: "Vindex religionis legem de civitatibus ab Ecclesia secedentibus repudiavit," which being translated, reads: "Defender of Religion; he repudiated the law of separation of church and state."

If the pope repudiates the law of separation of the church from politics, why do American priests and cardinals try to deceive their own people and the public respecting this matter? The American Constitution is therefore anti-papal, and separation of church and state is the fixed law of the land. Put this fact up to the next papal priest you meet and see him squirm.

That now famous red streak, streaming into the office of the Little Missouri sheet, means a blue streak all the way to Rome.

ROME "AIMS TO EXTERMINATE" ALL OPPOSITION

Boycott and Threats of Personal Injury Added to the Program of the "Holy Roman Inquisition"—Aged Citizen of Hamilton, Ohio, The Latest Object of Typical K. C. Vengeance

The following brutal letter from one of the pope's agents of destruction to an aged and respected citizen of Hamilton, O., reveals the true spirit of popery. Read this letter carefully, and see how the same power that decreed the destruction of its opponents in the fourteenth century still inspires its Knights of Mob and Murder to like criminal acts in the twentieth century. Here it is:

"Hamilton, Ohio, Nov. 23, 1914.

"Mr. W. H. Snowdery,
"Dear Sir—I saw by the paper that you have joined the contemptible order known as the Jr. O. U. A. M. or what is better known as the A. P. A. I have known you for some time, and have always regarded you as a man of liberal views, but not only have I lost that opinion, but am convinced that you have allied yourself against the Catholics, and not only have you done so but you did it in such a cowardly way, that it should arouse the hate and revenge of every true Catholic, especially the K. of C.

"We regard the order which you have joined as a means of fighting us at our back, and we must return the same method of warfare. If you are a true American you must know that the best citizens of our town and nation are Catholics; and we do not fight any one except those who fight us. Especially, do we hate those who set cowardly about it as you have done.

"Our aim is to 'exterminate' those who fight us. That we must do or we can not live; and, since you have taken the stand that you have regard you as our bitterest 'enemy,' and we will seek revenge in the same 'cowardly' way as you have done.

"You no doubt have been reading that dirty paper called The Menace, which never told the truth, since it started, and the nearest it came to it was when it said that the 'aim' of the K. of C. was to 'destroy' all Protestants, 'AND' that is 'true,' only so far as it applies to those Protestants like yourself who are trying to destroy us.

"We are always on the defense, and when any one tries to destroy us we play the same game, and get him first. Before any action is taken to defend ourselves against such as you, we will await

This duly authenticated letter, with its threats and demands, reveals plainly the existence of conditions that no patriotic, law-abiding citizen can afford to ignore. It shows that some branch of the so-called Church of Rome, presumably the Knights of Columbus, maintains in the city of Hamilton, O., an organized band of intimidators.

It shows that these conspirators, whoever they may be, are working in behalf of the papal corporation and in defiance of law and order. It reveals their determination to abolish personal freedom, and make the will of the pope and his agents superior to the law of the land or the will of law-abiding citizens.

It shows that the popular idea, about the Inquisition being an outgrown and discarded institution, is an error. It shows that a free-born American citizen is no longer at liberty to join a legitimate and patriotic society without being subject to the ill-will and violence of such as obey the pope in preference to abiding by the provisions of American law.

All this it shows, and much more, to the man who has eyes to see and is disposed to use them. And it is truly a beautiful condition of affairs when an American citizen must needs ask permission of the pope before he can join a fraternal order without molestation and being subjected to a campaign of terror.

Do Rome's Dirty Work or Lose Rome's Vote

"President Wilson knows that Catholics are patient, but Catholics are human and their patience has a limit in the preservation of their manhood and in defense of their church. President Wilson knows that decency and the consideration due sixteen million Catholics demand that a law of exclusion from the mails of the United States of such publications as The Menace should be put on our Statute Books, if such laws do not already exist. Failure on the part of the Administration to give the demand of Catholic consideration will mean, without any word from church authorities, that millions of Catholic men will weigh and record the failure."

Such is the threat hurled at President Wilson and his administration by a Catholic sheet misproduced in New York City and which styles itself "The Holy Name Journal."

This cowardly effort to trade votes for dirty work, or withhold the priest-controlled vote unless the proposed piece of dirty work is done, is an insult to the President of the Republic which he and every other American citizen will indignantly resent.

We have not the slightest fear that this effort at intimidation will have the effect intended. Practically the same thing has appeared in all the papist organs, which indicates that it is the last card played by the hierarchy in its effort to destroy effective opposition.

For centuries the same power-seeking conspiracy has successfully worked the game on the crowned heads of Europe that it is now trying to use on President Wilson. Kings and princes were told what to do under penalty of excommunication, interdiction, or assassination.

But those things were put over in the dark ages when popery was in flower. We are today living in another age and in another land. Popery, with its Inquisition, survives; but when its flunkies undertake to lead a Scotch Presbyterian President of the United States into a conspiracy against the Constitution and into an alliance for the purpose of throttling the American press, they will find that times and customs, to say nothing of people, have changed since Rome induced the French government to permit the Massacre of St. Bartholomew.

Contrary to the statement of the Holy Name Journal, President Wilson knows that the Catholics of this country are about as impatient a crowd of lobbyists as has annoyed his administration. President Wilson knows that all the consideration due sixteen million Catholics or any other sixteen million people does not demand the arbitrary suppression of a single American publication.

President Wilson knows that his administration has already given this grouchy bunch of discredited trouble-makers more attention, more consideration, and more concessions than is due them from any just apportionment of public patronage.

And another thing, which President Wilson may or may not know, is the fact that the sooner he, and all others in authority, quit giving attention to the insolent demands of these papists, the better it will be for the welfare of the country; the better it will be for the welfare of the American people; and the better it will be for the welfare of his administration.

If President Wilson has not already learned these things, he is in a fair way to discover them by the usual effective teaching of experience. And we have unlimited confidence in his ability and disposition to understand and stand by the Constitution and its reasonable guarantees even if in so doing he may be compelled to disappoint the snarling agents of a disgruntled hierarchy.

WHAT IS THE JR. O. U. A. M?

And what is this Junior Order United American Mechanics which these papist pluguglies demand that Mr. Snowdery must leave under penalty of persecutions? It is an American fraternal society instituted May 17, 1853. Its watchwords are "Virtue, Liberty and Patriotism." Its objects are:

"First—To maintain and promote the interests of Americans and shield them from the depressing effects of foreign competition.

"Second—To assist Americans in obtaining employment.

"Third—To encourage Americans in business.

"Fourth—To establish a sick and funeral fund.

"Fifth—To maintain the public school system of the United States of America and prevent sectarian interference therewith."

Founded upon such wholesome and patriotic principles, the order now maintains organizations in practically all of the states with a strong membership always alert and active in the promotion and defense of the common welfare. Since its organization it has disbursed nearly nine million dollars in benefits; and has always been a power for the preservation of the priceless privileges won by generations of Americans by peaceful labor and sacrifice of life on the field of battle.

But this black-hand secret clique of Catholic criminals says that Mr. Snowdery must withdraw from the Junior Order United American Mechanics. And why? For the sole and simple reason that the whole papal system is opposed to the principles upon which the Jr. O. U. A. M. is founded.

The whole sacerdotal system, from the Bologna-bred fraud who runs its headquarters in the city of Rome to his Knights of Mob and Murder in the city of Hamilton, does not desire the interests of Americans to be protected, and would not have them shielded from the depressing effects of foreign competition.

These avicious plotters against the peace and prosperity of the republic do not like to see Americans assisted in obtaining employment. They want all the jobs reserved for the Romish rabble which is dumped regularly on American shores through failure of papist sympathizers in Congress to pass proper laws limiting immigration.

They do not wish Americans to be encouraged in business unless such Americans have been Romanized and compelled to pay papal tribute. They are opposed to such practical charities and sane provisions as a sick and funeral fund unless the said fund passes regularly through the clutches of their own agents or greedy priest-hood.

Not one of them, high enough in the Roman Catholic conspiracy to be of any consequence, would have the American public school system maintained. On the contrary, it is their plan, and hope, and purpose to either Romanize the public school or utterly destroy it.

Gentlemen may cry peace, peace! But there is no peace with such an enemy at large. Gentlemen may talk about bigotry, and deprecate "anti-papal panics" until they are gray headed. Unwelcome facts are facts just the same.

Because Rome has not invaded America with the sound of rattling drums and with colors flying is no reason why the stealthy, underhanded attack by such an enemy should be ignored.

The enemy's tactics is that of the thug who waits for his belated victim in the end of a dark alley with a piece of gaspipe in one hand and a holy relic in the other. By means of an unsigned cowardly threat directed at a quiet and inoffensive citizen they hope to inaugurate a reign of terror such as will frighten every defender of freedom into silence, or perhaps make of him a horrible example if extreme measures will serve their purpose.

But their little game won't work—not this time. If the slightest harm comes to the person, property, or business interests of W. H. Snowdery, the responsible parties will be held strictly to account to the last farthing. This is a game at which two can play; and ninety million Americans are not yet ready to be bluffed into silence by a few thousand Romish bullies.

For our part we have cast our lot with the Junior Order and other patriotic societies in this conflict, and we'll fight Rome to a finish if it takes forever.

The Romish Boycott Won't Work

Twice in the last month Rome has had to stop, back up, and beat a hasty retreat. Early in November the hosts of Americanism met the enemy at the polls and upset his political prospects. In the small days of the present month The Menace trailed its stolen property to the city of St. Louis and found that property in the building and in the possession of the Central Bureau of the Catholic Verein at the corner of Broadway and Market streets.

The political trick turned by patriotic voters shows to the world that papist politicians are an unprofitable class for any political party to cultivate. Catching the holy daddies of St. Louis with the goods on put a stop to an elaborate plan of boycott which had been calculated to injure the friends and supporters of this paper.

It means a setback to the political schemes of the papacy; and a collapse of the boycott by means of which the Romish clerics evidently intended to browbeat and terrorize our boosters into silence and inactivity.

But the Romish boycott won't work. If it ever showed signs of working, conditions have changed so that now it will certainly prove a boomerang; and the clumsy efforts of its manipulators show that they are not to be trusted fooling with such a two-edged weapon. Boycotts never were fool proof; and the ease with which the boycotters were caught in this instance shows that the more dangerous a weapon they choose the more dangerous it will be for them.

Rome is none too good to use this or any other means of destroying heretic Americans. They have the will to do the work, but they are sadly lacking in the knowledge of how to do it. The inability of the snoopers to get farther with their game without getting caught, proves that their threatened boycott is mostly bluff, and a very weak bluff at that.

In some respects it is to be regretted that they had not gone a little further with the game. Suppose they had got away with the goods and had spotted every reader of The Menace. Suppose their confessional daddies had ordered every Mick to quit trading with merchants who read The Menace.

Let us suppose that every pope-serving foreman or superintendent had received his orders to discharge all employees who receive The Menace at their homes. Let us suppose that the papas of every parish had got their machine set up and running for the destruction of American patriots.

What then? Do you think for a minute that ten million ignorant papists could successfully play that game to a finish with ninety million Americans? None but a chump, or a steering committee of like imbeciles, would ever attempt to frame such a deal to say nothing of trying to start it. They are willing, but the scheme won't work.

The trouble with our pseudo-pious enemies is that they always make a mess of what they undertake. Was it not the inhuman oppressions of the papal system and the impossible demands made upon the people of Europe that brought about the Reformation and resulted in Rome's first great defeat?

Was it not the recent active arrogance of papist politicians that made the present movement for the defense of popular education necessary? Was it not the determination of the pope's followers to hog every public office in sight, both appointive and elective, that

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The conviction to be drawn from these two indisputable facts is that there is an enemy to fight, and that you have a trustworthy weapon to fight with.

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crossed the independent voting strength of the nation and retired a long list of aspiring papists to private life!

And so with this scheme, so popular among papists, to scare and starve opposition to death by means of the boycott. It fails for lack of skill to manage it, and it fails for lack of numbers to put it through. If worst ever comes to worse alert Americans can, at any stage of the game, adopt the enemy's tactics; and the reader can well imagine the result of one papist trying to boycott ten Americans while the ten Americans were boycotting him.

It reminds one of the old story concerning the Irishman who tried to freeze the dog to death by exposing himself and the dog together to the blast of a Canadian winter night. Rome's goat is got. Believe me.

ORDER EXTRA COPIES

This issue of The Menace is especially recommended to the men on the Firing Line for distribution. They can be had for fifty cents a hundred in bundles. Get a few of them to work in your neighborhood.

DECEMBER EIGHTH MADE MEMORABLE

By MARVIN BROWN.

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